

Dear Vinci Park Families,

I hope you and your family are having a wonderful summer. Over the next couple of weeks, Vinci Park teachers and staff will be preparing for students' return to school. We look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Reopening Guidelines and Protocols

Vinci Park will implement the following guidelines and protocols for the start of the year. These guidelines are based on the requirements given to us by the California Department of Public Health, Santa Clara County Public Health Department, and Berryessa Union School District.

- All individuals will be required to wear masks indoors regardless of vaccination status or unless exempt.
- Certain individuals may be exempt from the mask mandate, provided they fall into one of the exemptions in the CDPH's Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings issued effective June 15, 2021. Under the K-12 school guidance, persons exempted from wearing a mask due to a medical condition must wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, provided the condition permits it. Please contact the school office if your student may qualify for an exemption.
- In-person instruction can occur safely without minimum physical distancing requirements when other mitigation strategies (e.g., masking) are implemented.
- Ventilation of all indoor spaces will continue to be optimized for the safety of staff and students.
- Recommendations for staying home when sick and getting tested when symptoms are consistent with COVID-19 remain in place to reduce the risk of spread of the virus in schools.
- Effective contact tracing and case investigation.
- Students, teachers, and staff should stay home when they have signs of any infectious illness and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care.
- Continue to promote healthy hand hygiene behaviors throughout the day, and routine daily cleaning of classrooms and school facilities.
- Families will be required to complete a daily symptom check prior to students entering the school building. This system check will be a live Google Form link that families can click on daily to complete.
- Please refer to the Berryessa Union School District website FAQ section for more information <https://sites.google.com/busd.net/busd2021-22/home>

Staffing Update

Please join in me welcoming the following new staff to our Vinci Park Family:

- **Alyssa Raguini** - 1st grade
- **Winnie Liang** - TK teacher
- **Laura McComick** - RSP Teacher
- **Jammie Sithiphone** - RSP aid

Afterschool Care

Vinci Park will collaborate with the YMCA After School Program this year. For additional information regarding the program please contact Miriam at (408)599-6575 or email Jaqueline.Ruvalcaba@ymcasv.org

Upcoming Dates

- August 12: TK/Kindergarten Welcome Orientation (More info to come in the future.)
- August 12: All School informational meeting (More info to come in the future.)
- August 16: First Day of School (Early Dismissal - TK @ 12:10 pm & Grades K-5 @ 1:00pm)
- August 19: Early Dismissal - TK @ 12:10 pm & Grades K-5 @ 1:00pm
- August 26: Early Dismissal - TK @ 12:10 pm & Grades K-5 @ 1:00pm
- September 6: Labor Day - No School

Additional School Information

- 2021-2022 School Year Calendar, click <https://www.berryessa.k12.ca.us/PARENTS/Additional-Resources/SchoolDistrict-Calendar/School-Year-Calendar/index.html>
- Your child's teacher will be contacting you by Friday, 8/13 to introduce themselves and give you all the first day of school information
- Bell Schedule click here <https://vinci.berryessa.k12.ca.us/Our-School/Bell-Schedule/index.html>
- Free and Reduced Lunch Applications, click <http://www.schoolnutritionandfitness.com/index.php?sid=1903132300206951&page=lunchapps>
- Reporting Absences
 - If your child is absent, please call the school office at (408) 923-1970. Please include the following information when reporting an absence:
 - Student's name
 - Teacher
 - Date of absence
 - Reason for absence
 - Your name
- Absences/Tardies
 - Students are excused from school for the following reasons:
 - Illness
 - Dental/Doctor Appointments (with a note verifying the appointment)
 - Funerals for immediate family members.

All other absences are considered unexcused. Please make sure you plan vacations around our school breaks. Tardies are very disruptive to the classroom. Students with excessive unexcused absences and/or tardies will be required to meet with the Principal for remediation. If the

problem persists, you will be referred to the Student Attendance Review Board (SARB). Please have your children arrive at school on time.

School Related Assistance

If you need assistance with school related business please contact the school.

- (408) 923-1970

Interpretation Assistance

Should you need assistance in interpretation of school/teacher messages, please reach out to the following staff support.

- Chinese/Mandarin: Tsung-Lin Chen (408) 923-1901
- Spanish: Lourdes Calande (408) 923-1902
- Vietnamese: Juliette Thai (408) 923-1903

Thank you for your continued support in strengthening our school community. I look forward to an in person, fun school year.

Best,

Parisa Nunez
Principal
Vinci Park Elementary School